श्री सभापति: अगर आप गुजरात का सेटल कर देंगे तो सब हो जाएगा।

श्री काशीराम राणा: सभापति जी, जैसा मैंने कहा कि सितंबर में इसकी फाईनल रिपोर्ट आ जाएगी। सरकार इसे जल्दी सेट-अप करने के बारे में बहुत ही सीरियस है। मैं यह कहना चाहूंगा कि रिपोर्ट आने के बाद बहुत ही जल्दी हम यह सेंटर establish कर देंगे।

श्री राजू परमार: सभापति महोदय, जैसाकि हमारे माननीय सदस्यों ने बताया कि Central Task Force for Fluoride Mitigation का सन् 2000 में गठन किया गया था, उन्होंने भी अपनी रिपोर्ट दी हुई है। गुजरात के मुख्यमंत्री ने भी जून, 2000 में इसके बारे में मैमोरेंडम दिया है। इन सबकी रिपोर्ट आने के बाद भी आपके रिप्लाई में यह लिखा है कि "No definite time can be indicated for taking decision in the subject." आपका जवाब तो यही है। इसको तुरंत करना चाहिए। आपने डेफिनेट टाइम तो बताया ही नहीं।

श्री काशीराम राणा: सभापति जी, मैं फिर से अपनी बात दोहराना चाहूंगा कि जो प्रोसीजर होता है उसके मुताबिक ही यह सेंटर सेट-अप होगा लेकिन मैं कहूंगा कि गुजरात के मुख्य मंत्री ने तीन बार हमें लिखा है और कल भी उनकी एक चिट्ठी आई है। गुजरात सरकार इसके बारे में बहुत चिंतित है और मैं यह आश्वासन देना चाहूंगा कि हम All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health को रिपोर्ट जल्दी भेजने के लिए कहेंगे और फिर सरकार immediately उस पर डिसीजन ले लेगी।

Utilisation of funds under the Indira Awas Yojana

*243. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:†
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the States/UTs are not sending their monthly progress reports on the implementation of Indira Awas Yojana;

(b) if so, in what manner Government would propose to ensure that the funds allotted to the States under this category are being utilised and are not being reappropriated for other purposes; and

(c) the quantum of funds allotted State/UT-wise and the extent to which the same have been utilised?

---

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Dr. Vijay J. Darda.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Under the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), some of the States/UTs are not sending Monthly Progress Reports regularly.

(b) The Central assistance under the scheme is released every year to the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) in two instalments, subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions.

(i) The first instalment amounting to 50% of the Central allocation for a particular DRDA is released in the beginning of the financial year, if second instalment during the previous year was claimed and released without any condition.

(ii) The second instalment of funds for the district is released on receipt of request from the DRDAs in the prescribed proforma alongwith Audit Report/UC of previous year etc. after utilising 60% of total available funds including opening balance and State share etc.

(iii) Central share to the tune of 3/4 times of the amount exceeding permissible opening balance in the district (*i.e.* 15% of the district allocation of the previous year) is deducted from the amount of second instalment.

(iv) The graded cut from 10% to 30% of Central allocation is imposed on the quantum of second instalment if complete proposal is received late (from January to March of the financial year).

All this is to ensure that the funds allotted to the States under the Scheme are being utilised and are not being reappropriated for other purposes.

(c) State-wise details of amount allocated, released and utilised under the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) during 2002-03 are annexed as Statement-I.

Statement-I

Central Allocation, Central Release and Utilisation under Indira Awaas Yojana during 2002-03

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the States/ UTs	Central Allocation	Central Release	Utilisation
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	12070.22	12357.15	19644.86
2	Arunachal Pradesh	569.92	738.43	665.38
3	Assam	12823.65	9987.33	10433.62
4	Bihar	32787.84	19729.90	29274.93
5	Chhattisgarh	2064.05	2027.85	2923.19
6	Goa	77.98	39.00	49.80
7	Gujarat	3468.85	5518.01	5330.6
8	Haryana	1172.95	1189.76	1927.66
9	Himachal Pradesh	518.91	857.59	626.66
10	Jammu & Kashmir	620.72	458.65	911.35
11	Jharkhand	9633.38	5455.84	5725.44
12	Karnataka	6243.52	4852.22	7502.49
13	Kerala	3868.97	2970.30	4517.33
14	Madhya Pradesh	7202.92	7018.01	10206.99
15	Maharashtra	11077.83	10109.70	21137.15
16	Manipur	679.51	260.01	551.34
17	Meghalaya	902.85	906.15	362.03
18	Mizoram	216.73	174.58	231.06
19	Nagaland	582.84	291.42	653.83
20	Orissa	9716.97	32543.45	80678.23
21	Punjab	777.00	598.55	1028.10
22	Rajasthan	3273.06	3149.31	4715.54
23	Sikkim	156.25	149.87	155.17
24	Tamil Nadu	6061.33	6205.43	14446.87

1	2	3	4	5
25	Tripura	1318.25	1977.39	1953.96
26	Uttar Pradesh	22100.00	20996.84	31225.28
27	Uttaranchal	2295.43	2011.59	2297.13
28	West Bengal	13026.91	10161.08	14951.88
29	A&N Islands	146.82	40.32	31.76
30	D&N Haveli	77.05	0.00	3.48
31	Daman & Diu	31.89	0.00	8.24
32	Lakshadweep	2.50	2.50	2.75
33	Pondicherry	72.90	74.63	57.31
	TOTAL	165640.00	162852.86	274231.46

श्री विजय जे॰ दर्डा: सर, मेरा आपसे यह प्रश्न था कि जो 14 राज्यों और 3 यूनियन टेरिटोरिज ने आपको उसका हिसाब नहीं दिया है तो उसके बारे में आपने क्या कार्रवाई की है?

श्री सभापति: ठीक है, आप बोलिए।

SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether it is true that the CAG Report for the year ending March, 2002 observed that widespread irregularities had taken place under the IAY scheme; Rs.58.56 crores were given to ineligible beneficiaries, and there was an excess payment of Rs.7.5 crores to some beneficiaries. I want to know whether it is also true that contrary to the guidelines, the Ministry has sent Rs. 199 crores through contractors, depriving the beneficiaries of their right to involve them in the construction of houses; if yes, what the reaction of the Government is on the CAG's observations.

SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL: Sir, the Indira Awas Yojana is executed by the States. ...(*Interruptions*)... It is actually a State subject. Whatever complaints and grievances we received from the people have been taken care of. In fact, we inform the concerned States that there are complaints, and we are, certainly, taking note of all complaints which are received by us, and are referring them to the State Governments. And and as regards the complaints concerning the particular States, we have informed the concerned States.

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Sir, the non-utilisation of funds is due to one major reason, that is, the unit cost is very low since

the prices of cement, steel and other materials have gone up. The unit cost is very low. A Special Mention was made by me in this august House. The hon. Minister has replied to me that it is under consideration. As regards the proposal for enhancing the unit cost, when are you going to consider it, and to what extent?

SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL: Sir, the proposal for enhancing the unit cost from Rs.20,000/- to Rs.25,000 for plain areas and from Rs.22,000/- to Rs.27,500/- for hilly areas has already been forwarded by the Department to the Planning Department, and, definitely, they have already taken the decision tentatively. I think, the result would come very soon.

MISS MABEL REBELLO: Sir, the pre-condition of Indira Awas Yojana is that the people should have land...(*Interruptions*)...

श्री सभापति: आप सीधे क्वेश्चन करिए।

कुमारी मैबल रिबैलो: सर, मैं बिल्कुल सीधे पूछ रही हूं। Sir, the pre-condition of Indira Awas Yojana is that you should have a piece of land. Only then is the money given under this scheme. We have lakhs of crores of people, landless labourers, agricultural labourers, etc. They don't have any land. Do you have any scheme to give money, along with the house, to buy a piece of land? . . . (*Interruptions*)...

श्री सभापति: आप क्वेश्चन करिये। यह इंदिरा आवास योजना से संबंधित प्रश्न है।

SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL: The land is allotted by the Gram Panchayats and others. Therefore, I think, this question doesn't arise. ...(*Interruptions*)...

कुमारी मैबल रिबैलो: सर, मंत्री जी ने क्या जवाब, दिया, पता ही नहीं चला।

MR. CHAIRMAN: You were not alert. जब मंत्री जी ने जवाब दिया तब आप अलर्ट नहीं थीं।

SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Central Government would come forward to allocate more funds to such States like Tamil Nadu which have fully utilised the money under this scheme properly and sent their reports to the Government. Will the Government come forward to allocate more funds?

SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL: Sir, so far, there is no such proposal.

*244. *[The questioner (Shri Nabam Rebia) was absent. For answer vide page 40.]*

Performance of private power companies in Delhi

*245. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that private companies to whom distribution of power in Delhi had been assigned with effect from 1st July, 2002 have ushered in a state of indecision in regard to granting new connections, taking decision on aspects relating to granting connections to co-operative societies, tariff sharing between consumer and these companies etc.;

(b) whether Government have made any assessment of the performance of these companies in Delhi *vis-a-vis* the difficulties faced by consumers; and

(c) if so, what assistance has been given to State Government of Delhi before the experiment is tried elsewhere?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) The issue relating to granting of new connections including connections to co-operative societies and sharing of efficiency gains between the consumers and the licensees are covered respectively in the Performance Standards (Metering and Billing) Regulations issued by the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) and the policy directions issued by the Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi.

(b) and (c) Under the provisions of the Delhi Electricity Reform Act, 2000, DERC has the responsibility of specifying and monitoring performance standards of the distribution licensees in Delhi. After one year's experience, the Government of NCT and Delhi has asked the DERC to institutionalize objective mechanisms for assessing the performance